

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<div>9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</div> <div>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</div> <div>Unlimited "One Minutes"</div>	<div>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</div>

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 4613 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY05. **Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.**

H.R. 4766 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (*Rep. Bonilla - Appropriations*) (*Open Rule – Complete Consideration*). This bill provides \$83.1 billion for FY05, which is \$3.4 billion below the FY04 level. Funding highlights in this bill include: \$50.23 billion for Domestic Food Programs (\$33.63 billion for the Food Stamp Program; \$11.38 billion for Child Nutrition Programs; \$4.9 billion for WIC); \$27.01 billion for Agricultural Programs (\$16.45 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation; \$4.09 billion for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund; \$1.53 billion for the Farm Assistance Program; \$1.25 billion for Agricultural Research Service; \$813 million for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service); \$2.36 billion for Rural Development Programs; \$1.5 billion for Foreign Aid and Export Programs; \$1.46 billion for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and \$993 million for Conservation Programs. This bill also includes a provision that prohibits the FDA from blocking the re-importation of prescription medicines from other countries (the Medicare law enacted last year only permits the importation of such drugs upon the certification of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, which Secretary Thompson has refused to do).

Last night, the House completed general debate on this bill. Today, the House will consider germane amendments under the five-minute rule and will vote on final passage. The Rule adopted yesterday, waives all points of order against one amendment:

- **Hyde Amendment (20 minutes).** This amendment modifies Section 501 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 by adding "Doug Bereuter And" to the title of the "John Ogonowski Farmer-to-Farmer Program," administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House will consider sixteen bills under Suspension of the Rules and will also consider: **S. 15** - Project Bioshield Act of 2004 (*Sen. Gregg - Energy & Commerce*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and **H.R. 4759** - United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act (*Rep. DeLay - Ways & Means*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"The bill is truly amazing. We [the United States] had an incentive for exports that was illegal and had to be repealed. Now Congress takes the money saved by the repeal and uses it to reduce taxes on the income earned by U.S. companies in foreign countries, thereby making foreign investment more attractive than U.S. investment."

- Wayne State University law professor Michael J. McIntyre, in a *Washington Post* article this morning regarding the FSC/ETI bill.